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1. At the end of October 1951, officers and non-commissioned officers of the 1912-1920 classes were recalled for four (sic) days training. The recall affected 3,000 men, including 700-800 officers, of the infantry, engineers, and demolition engineers. Only part of the classes were recalled, and there was no apparent selection pattern.
2. The classes recalled were trained exclusively in fortification work. The first two weeks of the training period were concerned with theory and dealt with:
 - a. Modern-type fortifications;
 - b. Material used in construction of fortifications; and
 - c. Construction of fortifications and gun emplacements.
3. The initial phase of the training took place in the barracks of 1. Demolitions Engineers Regiment, Sofia. Instructors were Bulgarian and Soviet officers and Bulgarian non-commissioned officers. Subsequently, practical field exercises were conducted using fortifications which were being constructed by "Voluntary Work Brigades" along the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border, in the area between Dragoman and Polegitsa (sic).

1. Comment: Probably, forty is meant.

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